

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING FEBRUARY 11, 2003

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Lancaster called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION – Invocation was given by Pastor Martin Schmidt, with Trinity Lutheran Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Bud Jeffries, Richard Hartman, Bob Humiston, Pamela Lancaster, and Robert Rye. Also present were representatives from the *Grand Island Independent* and KRGI.

Arnold made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following items by consent agenda:

1. Accept and place on file the minutes of the January 28th meeting.
 2. 5e Set the bid opening for the annual gravel letting for 9:45 a.m. February 25, 2003
 3. 5f Set the public hearing for the One & Six Road program for March 11, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.
 4. 13 Accept and place on file the 2001 and 2002 audits
 5. 15 Approve the final plat for R&M Subdivision
 6. 15 b Approve the final plat for Nowka Pl. Subdivision
 7. 23 Accept and place on file the office reports from the County Clerk, Hall & Howard County Juvenile Diversion, County Court, County Sheriff, Register of Deeds, and Emergency Management
 8. 24 Accept and place on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
 9. 25 Accept and place on file communications as received.
- Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

OFFICE REPORT
January 2003

TITLE FEES STATE	\$14,895.00
TITLE FEES COUNTY	\$ 7,710.00
RECORDING FEES	\$ 90.00
MARRIAGE LICENSES	\$ 330.00
PHOTO FEES/FAX FEES & MISC.	\$ 17.85
PLAT BOOKS/OTHER	15.00
CERTIFIED COPIES MARRIAGE LICENSES	<u>\$ 160.00</u>
TOTAL	\$23,217.85

HALL COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES
JANUARY 2003

JUVENILE REFERRALS	42 JUVENILES
JUVENILE OFFENDERS	4 JUVENILE
JUVENILE HOUSE ARREST	1 JUVENILES
TOTAL UNDER SUPERVISION	211 JUVENILES
FEES COLLECTED	\$798.00

OFFICE REPORT
HOWARD COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES
JANUARY 2003

JUVENILE REFERRALS	1 JUVENILES
TOTAL JUVENILE ENROLLEES	42 JUVENILES
FEES COLLECTED FOR MONTH	\$100.00
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED FISCAL YEAR	\$ 1,525.00

OFFICE REPORT
COUNTY COURT
JANUARY 2003

FINES (CO.)	\$52,124.18
OVERLOAD FINES	1,825.00
REIMBURSE SHERIFF FEES	1,475.82
WORK RELEASE FEES	1,900.00
REIMBURSE FAX COPIES	20.00
FINES (CITY)	8,148.36
REIMBURSE WITNESS FEES	255.95
BOND FORFEITURES	2,569.84
REIMBURSE CO. FEES	3.00
TOTAL	\$ 69,322.15

OFFICE REPORT
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF
DECEMBER 2002

FEES MILEAGE & MISC	\$14,532.44
COPIES	\$ 82.00
HANDGUN APPLICATIONS	\$ 45.00
TITLE INSPECTIONS	\$ 3,260.00

OFFICE REPORT
HALL COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS
JANUARY 2003

DOCUMENTARY STAMP TAX	\$ 5,732.71
RECORDING FEES	\$23,504.50
PHOTO FEES	\$ 701.60

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – John Fosket, a Corporal with the Hall County Department of Corrections requested to speak to the County Board about their concerns on the privatization of the county jail and what lies ahead for the employees. He read the letter that was signed by members of the department.

Lancaster questioned the resources that he used and Mr. Fosket stated that he would provide them to her. She stated that there are two different contracts for the construction and operation of the jail. She suggested that when the proposals are put out the department of corrections could put together their costs and give them to the board.

Hartman stated that it costs 5 to 6 percent more for private financing than using a bond issue. He also questioned why they are looking at private management when it may not work in the State of Nebraska. Lancaster stated they want to see what the responses will be and it is successful in other states.

There has been a bill introduced in the legislature to clarify the statutes. There will be a hearing scheduled in the near future.

Arnold stated that he understands the concern and that the quality of a private facility may not be as good. He understands that other states may be different. He has not decided if private management is the best thing but it looks attractive and he wants to look at all of the options that are available.

Mr. Fosket questioned if the board is pursuing a bond issue.

Lancaster stated that the RFP is not for a bond issue they are looking for all the options that are available in the private sector and if this won't work they will go ahead with a bond issue. They want to look at this like a business, study the issue and gather the information to make a good decision.

Bob Rye stated that his mind is not made up and the board has a responsibility to the public to look at the best value. At this point he favors continuing to have the county run the jail but they need to look at all options. He has not decided on the management he wants to look at the whole thing and make a good decision.

Mr. Fosket stated that from the information in the paper it appears to be all private management.

Hartman voted to go ahead with the RFP because he thought it included a bond issue.

Lancaster stated that the bond issue and private financing are two different things. There would not be a RFP for a bond issue this is a different process.

Jeffries reminded the board that there is a bid opening in three minutes.

Arnold stated that private financing does not mean that they would have private management also. He encouraged the corrections department to work on a proposal.

Mr. Fosket distributed the letters to all of the board members.

Louise Miller requested to speak to the board concerning the Health Department Building. She stated that she did not think it was right to give the Health Department \$250,000.00 for a new building.

8 PRESENTATION OF RFP DEVELOPED BY KUTAK ROCK FOR COUNTY JAIL – Lancaster stated that they do not have any additional information on this so it can be tabled until later.

9:30 A.M. BID OPENING FOR ASPHALT OVERLAYS – The following bids were received:

BIDDER	PROJECT H-561-1	PROJECT C-40(58)	TIED	TOTAL
JIL	\$67,320.00	\$136,580.00	NO	\$203,900.00
GARY SMITH CONST	\$58,259.00	\$119,692.00	YES	\$177,951.00

Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to refer the bids to the public works committee and they will come back with a recommendation today. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

5b DISCUSS & APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR FEDERAL AID FOR PROJECT STPE 2170(3) County Surveyor Dan Hostler was present and stated that the resolution for this project was so old that it needed to be updated. This is the Cairo East Project or 1-R Road.

Jeffries made a motion and Hartman seconded to approve Resolution #03-0002 for federal aid for Project STPE 2170-(3). Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

5c DISCUSS & APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR FEDERAL AID FOR PROJECT C40-313 AND FOR PROJECT C40-171 County Surveyor Dan Hostler stated that these are two bridge projects that they want to start. They needed to purchase right-of-way from Taylor Ranch. That has been completed so they want to request the federal aid for the two projects. Jeffries made a motion and Hartman seconded to approve Resolution #03-0003 for Project C40-313 and Resolution #03-0004 for Project C40-171. Arnold requested that the typographical errors be corrected. Hostler stated he would do that. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

9 DISCUSS AND APPROVE PLAN FOR SURPLUS COMPUTERS - Bob Humiston stated that he has a list of the surplus computer parts. There are computer books and other items, some of these things could just be thrown out or shredded. He distributed extra copies of the list of items that they want to dispose of. He stated they might need to have Jerry Janulewicz look at it to make sure it could be disposed of. It was questioned if the committee should have the County Attorney review and approve the list. Concern was expressed on the fact that there are license agreements and whether the county could dispose of the equipment. Arnold made a motion to have the County

Attorney approve the list and address the items that should be destroyed. No second, motion failed.

Jeffries questioned who was going to destroy the property and if there would be a charge. Arnold stated that there are a lot of disks and hard-drives that need to be destroyed, they want to make sure that information is cleaned off before it is sold. Lancaster stated that this needs to be returned to the computer committee and have them come back with a plan. They need to determine what needs to be destroyed and if it is declared as surplus then it can be sold. The list needs to be amended to remove the items that can be destroyed. Arnold stated he did not want to delay this, they can amend the list and approve the resolution.

Arnold made a motion and Rye seconded to declare the computers and equipment as surplus property and to amend the report to delete the items than can be destroyed and authorize the chair to sign Resolution #03-0005. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

6 9:45 A.M. BID OPENING FOR GARBAGE SERVICES – The following bids were received:

BIDDER	TOTAL BID	
Central Waste Disposal 147 E Roberts, Grand Island	\$670.00	all locations
Mid Nebraska Disposal 3080 West Second, Grand Island	\$665.50	all locations

Jeffries made a motion and Rye seconded to refer the bids to the building and grounds committee and they will come back with a recommendation today. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

7 9:50 A.M. DISCUSSION WITH ENGINEER ON SEWER PROJECT AT HALL COUNTY PARK AND SET BID OPENING FOR SEWER PROJECT – Building & Grounds and Park Director Chuck Kaufman was present and he introduced Jeff Peterson, an engineer, with Miller & Associates out of Kearney, Nebraska. Mr. Peterson has been working with Chuck on the proposal for the Hall County Park for a new sewer and water system. The septic system at the park does not comply with state regulations and the well water has a high nitrate level. Since the City of Grand Island installed the city water and sewer services along Schimmer Road the park would be able to hook on to the city services and this would eliminate the problems for the park.

Mr. Peterson stated this system would use a small diameter force main that would connect to the City sewer. It uses grinder pumps and pump stations that would pump the wastewater to the City sewer service. The wells could still be used for watering but the drinking water would be from the city service. The probable cost ranges from \$135,000.00 to \$170,000.00, but this does not included assessments or connection fees.

Jeffries stated that if the City installed the lines that are trenched into the ground the traditional cost of a system like this, could be \$400,000.00. The proposed cost of the force main system is much less and causes less destruction of the property.

Eriksen questioned what would happen if the park was expanded. Mr. Peterson stated that the additional lines could be tapped into the current system for expansion.

Jeffries stated that the current septic system is bad and the state knows that the county is working on a plan to correct it. He mentioned that the City of Grand Island now surrounds the park and he questioned if the city would take it over. The park is a jewel and people enjoy it, even with the camping areas that have been reduced by the diversion ditch, the park still needs water and sewer. Jeffries also stated that there could be connection fees of \$50,000.00, but they may negotiate these fees with the City.

Jeffries made a motion and Hartman seconded to set the bid opening for the water and sewer project at the Hall County Park for March 25, at 9:30 a.m. with the bid to be received by March 24th at 5:00 .m. Mr. Miller stated he would like to advertise it for 30 days. He will prepare the advertisement. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

9 DISCUSS & APPROVE PLAN FOR SURPLUS COMPUTER – Arnold stated that the board needs to clarify the surplus computers. In the proposed plan for disposal they were to receive sealed bids on the computer parts. The possible bidders could inspect the parts and then submit a bid. The resolution will still work but they will need to set a bid opening. Lancaster stated that this needs to be returned to the computer committee for a better plan. Arnold withdrew his motion and Eriksen withdrew his second to approve the resolution. Arnold stated they need to name someone in the resolution to dispose of the surplus. He named Chuck Kaufman for the resolution and Dave Arnold will determine what needs to be destroyed. They will list the surplus property and the items that are destroyed will be removed from the list. The rest will be surplus and they will need to receive bids. Arnold made a motion and Eriksen seconded to have Dave Arnold identify the items that need to be destroyed and Chuck Kaufman will be named in the resolution to dispose of the surplus items. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

10 JUVENILE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING JUVENILE SERVICES PLAN

10a DISCUSS AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH JUVENILE JUSTICE INSTITUTE FOR JUVENILE SERVICES PLANNING GRANT – Arnold stated that the juvenile committee met and agreed to contract with Juvenile Justice Initiative and Dr. Harry Robinson,PHD to prepare the plan. He will be paid a flat fee of \$5,000.00 and this will work well with the grant funds. County Attorney Karen Noakes drew up the contract and the committee is requesting approval. Arnold made a motion and Rye seconded to approve the contract and authorize the chair to sign. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no, with Jeffries absent for the vote. Motion carried.

11 DISCUSS & APPROVE RESOLUTION REGARDING CAAP REUSE COMMITTEE – Lancaster stated that since the Mayor has changed the County needs to change the name on the resolution for the reuse committee members. A copy of the resolution was included in the packets. Eriksen made a motion and Rye seconded to approve Resolution #03 0006 naming the members of the reuse committee. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no with Jeffries absent for the vote. Motion carried.

12 EXECUTIVE SESSION PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS – Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to go into executive session for the performance evaluation. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

10:23 executive session

10:26 a.m. Jeffries made a motion and Humiston seconded to go out of executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Chairman Lancaster called for a 10-minute break for the committees to address the bid opening.

Returned to session.

The public work committee reviewed the bids for the asphalt from JIL and Gary Smith Construction and they recommended to accept the low bid from Gary Smith Construction. Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to accept the bid from Gary Smith Construction in the amount of \$177,951.00 and authorize the chair to sign the contract. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

The building and grounds committee recommends to accept the low bid for the garbage services from Mid Nebraska Disposal. Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to accept the bid from Mid Nebraska Disposal for \$665.50 per month for the garbage services and authorize the chair to sign the contract. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Jeffries made a motion and Rye seconded to refer to the personnel committee the evaluation for Stacey Ruzicka to present to her. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS – Lancaster stated that the report on the jail tours did not get put on the agenda but it will be addressed as old business. Lancaster stated that at the NACO meeting there was discussion on meeting out of state and according the “sunshine law” the county board cannot meet out of state so the board couldn’t have a quorum when the tours are conducted. So it will not have to be advertised as a meeting. Dave Arnold presented information packets to the board members on each of the jail facilities that they will be touring.

February 21st tour of the Kansas facilities – Dave Arnold stated that they could leave on the 20th at noon because this is a five-hour drive and Kitchel wants to meet with the board members before they tour the facilities. The board members will tour the first facility at 8:00a.m. the next morning. Dave has a list of the motels and he will make the reservations.

February 28th tour of the Iowa facility – DLR has arranged to tour the Iowa county jail and the Douglas County Jail at 9:00 a.m. on February 28th. the board members will leave at 6:00 a.m. and use county vehicles. Dave will get phone numbers and an itinerary for the board members.

16 COMMENCE AUDIT OF BI WEEKLY PAY CLAIMS AND EARLY CLAIMS AND ACTION ON CLAIM AUDIT – The board members reviewed the early claims and payroll claims. Jeffries made a motion and Humiston seconded to approve the claims and authorize the clerk to pay. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

BOARD ASSISTANT'S REPORT – Board assistant Stacey Ruzicka reminded the criminal justice committee of the meeting after the board meeting at the sheriff's department. She also reminded them of a computer committee meeting at 8:00 a.m. Wednesday and a meeting with NRD at the park. There will also be an audit committee meeting on Friday the 14th.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS – Hartman He stated he attended the meetings at Mid Plains Mid Nebraska Individual Services. He reported that there is a bill that has been introduced to change the service regions to three for the entire state. They are opposed to this legislation and have sent letters to Senator Jones concerning this. Lancaster stated that Senior Citizens is also opposed to this and she will be testifying against this legislation. This measure would put the elderly and poor elderly at risk and be an injustice to the people of Nebraska.

Humiston – He attended the weed board meeting, the computer interlocal meeting. He reported that the according to the interlocal contract they are on tract budget wise and the only concern is the amount of time that is was taking to do the mapping.

Eriksen – He attend the public works meeting and the NACO meeting in Kearney. He reported that there were good sessions and they learned new things. The Ag-land Board held their reorganization meeting in Loup City. The health department is starting on the bio-terrorism programs and the small pox vaccinations. He reported that the election committee met and the cost of the last election was \$43,000.00 and when the billing to the other entities was completed the cost to Hall County was \$7,700.00

Rye – He attended the Midland Area Agency on Aging and the legislation to change the regions was discussed there. He attended the juvenile committee meeting and they discussed the contract that was signed today and he also attended the library board meeting. The library may be contacting the computer committee concerning the wireless computers for the bookmobile.

Jeffries – He attended the public work committee meeting and they discussed various projects. Including the roads at CAAP and the bridge projects. They have good ideas and it is a good program. He talked to County Assessor Jan Pelland concerning the filing system that she wants to install and the engineer submitted a final report that they will not have to do anything to the building for the installation of the filing system it will support the weight. They will be starting the installation of the window for the driver's license digital camera next week. He also attended the local emergency planning committee meeting and reported that they need volunteer for the small pox shots. They are also asking the county to take a strong position to address chemical spills on the Platte River. They are looking at applying for federal funds to obtain an airboat to use on the river if there is a spill, but there are question who would be responsible if this happens.

Arnold – He attended the public works committee and they received a proposal from Amick Acres that Hall County take over the roads, no action was taken. The juvenile committee met and discussed the facilitator for the juvenile plan. He attended a crime commission meeting and talked to the new attorney general concerning the jail issue. He also attended the NACO worship in Kearney.

Lancaster – She reminded Scott that the only one that can request an Attorney General opinion is a state senator or the county attorney. She stated that from the discussion on the site for the jail she contracted Gary Hedman and he submitted a potential site. The Economic Development Corporation did not have a site and she also contacted Bill Stoval with the Airport and he will talk to his board. She attended the Senior Citizens meeting and they are very over crowded and are not working on a capital campaign for more space. She attended the work-study session and the merit commission meeting to interview possible candidates for deputies. She also attended the NACO workshop. She attended a committee meeting that was formed to investigate air service for the Grand Island Airport. Virgil Eihusen is the chair of the committee. She talked with Congressman Tom Osborne concerning his out-state plan and he encourage communities to have a joint purpose and to work together on projects. She also reported on the e-mail concerning the inheritance tax bills that have been introduced. These dollars would no longer come to the counties but would be turned over to the state. She stated she would respond to these.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Chairman Lancaster called for new or unfinished business and no one responded.

11:15 a.m. meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be February 25, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk

REMINDER – The County Board meetings may be viewed on GITV Cable Channel 6 and UHF Channel 56 Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. and Friday at 8:00 a.m.